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Free Car Wash

Members of Community United Methodist Church will be providing a free car wash at the church on Saturday, June 19, from 8 a.m. until noon.

No donations will be accepted, just stop by the church and have one of your weekend chores done for you.

RLKS Summer Junior Golf Academy

Clewiston RLKS are sponsoring a Summer Junior Golf Academy to benefit the youth in the Glades communities on Thursday, June 22, at noon at the Clewiston Golf Course.

Cost of academy is \$5 a week and the academy is open to children ages 8-17. There will be a tournament at the end of the six week academy. Anyone interested can contact the golf shop at the Clewiston Golf Course.

Celebration of PEPE

PEPE Head Start Program will host a Confirmation Celebration on June 27, at 3 p.m. at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center.

For more information, contact Director Shirley M. Walker at the center.

3rd Annual Glades Classic Golf Tourney

The 3rd Annual Glades Classic Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 19 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs.

Sponsors are still being sought for foursome and tees, carts and individual sponsorships.

Prizes will be given for the first through third place finishers, a hole-in-one, the longest drive and closest to the pin and a drawing for a foursome at the PGA Nat'l. A set of irons, drivers and many other great prizes are being offered. All golfers will receive a goody bag, door prize ticket, free range balls, two mulligans, refreshments and a chance to win many fantastic prizes, including a 1999 Ford Mustang, compliments of Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury.

All cheques are tax deductible and anyone wishing to participate as a sponsor or player, should call Brian Lohmann at 993-5551 or Maria Alvarez at 996-8000 or call the golf course at 996-6605 to register.

Car wash/dinners

The Glades Youth Council will be sponsoring a benefit car wash/barbecue on Friday, June 18 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Invited children diners served at the car wash donation is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Light House Cafe.

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The Sun

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Local postal workers protest contract stalemate

Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) from Belle Glade, Pahokee, Clewiston and South Bay set up picket lines outside the Belle Glade Post Office on Wednesday, June 9 to alert the public to the reasons behind a breakdown in contract talks with the United States Postal Service.

The picketing was part of a nationwide demonstration in hundreds of U.S. cities and towns in advance of a crucial arbitration that will determine a new national agreement for 244,000 city delivery letter carriers.

In Belle Glade, the picket line formed around the Belle Glade Post Office, located at 1340 NW Avenue L.

"Automation has allowed the Postal Service to flourish in the 90s, with more than \$5 billion in profits during the past four years," said Belle Glade letter carriers union president Mel Kerothro. "But the job of letter carriers has gotten tougher. We want a fair contract that provides a substantial pay increase to compensate us for that harder work."

NALC supported the Postal Service's modernization program, launched in the early 90s - which has involved widespread introduction of automation and computers into postal operations - despite knowing it would make carrier's jobs harder. The union did so to help the Postal Service in its competition with private carriers, and the modernization effort has proven extremely successful, according to NALC President Vincent R. Sombrotto.

"The Postal Service is in its best financial shape ever - and the speed and efficiency of mail delivery is setting records - thanks to our members," he said. "But when it comes time to recognize the value of the additional burdens borne by letter carriers, to enable the Postal Service to achieve these goals, the Postal Service has stonewalled."

"We want the American people to understand that all we are seeking is a fair contract - and the only reason we are picketing is because the Postal Service refuses to offer us one," Mr. Sombrotto continued.

"That's what's at stake here, for our members - and for the people who trust and depend on us, every day."

Postmaster General William J. Henderson noted in the Postal Service's 1998 Annual Report that "our service performance is outstanding, and customer satisfaction is at an all-time high." The Postmaster General cited the Service's "Using technology to lower costs and improve service" as a key reason for progress in its performance and its financial prospects.

NALC members have been working without a new contract since November 20, 1998, when a four-year pact with the Postal Service ended. Negotiations on a new contract broke down. In February, NALC and the Postal Service agreed to mediation, which also failed. Since postal employees are not permitted to go on strike, the impasse will be resolved by binding arbitration. In the meantime, terms of the old contract remain in effect.

In the negotiations, NALC sought another four-year contract, with annual wage increases and cost-of-living allowances. NALC also seeks to have its members moved up from Level 5 of the Postal pay grade system (which has a salary range of \$27 - 37,000) to Level 6 (where pay scales are an average of 3% higher).

The Postal Service has categorically refused to budge on any of these issues, says Mr. Sombrotto. Meanwhile, the Postal Service reported revenue of \$60.1 billion, its highest ever, in 1998, and amassed \$5 billion in profits over the past four years - the best sustained financial performance in its 27-year history.

As a result of automation, mail at U.S. post offices is now sorted faster and delivery has been speeded up to American homes and businesses. At the same time, letter carriers' workdays have been drastically altered, according to Mr. Sombrotto. The average letter carrier now spends 5.5 hours (about 70%) of every workday on the street, regardless of extreme weather conditions or other potential hazards, compared to approximately 4 hours.

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PICKETING BY POSTAL LETTER CARRIERS...Postal carriers from Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay and Clewiston marched in front of the Belle Glade Post Office on Wednesday, June 9 to protest a breakdown in contract talks with the United States Postal Service. Drivers passing the protest Wednesday afternoon were concerned whether their mail would be delivered the next day and they were assured by the carriers that they will continue to do their job, despite disagreements with management.

Sheriff's Office arrested six sexual predators in the Glades area

By Debra Miller

Staff Reporter

Recently the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, along with several other Glades area agencies, conducted a sweep of the area looking for sexual predators or offenders who were not living where they gave their last known address.

The sweep began at 6 p.m. on June 8 and concluded at 2:30 a.m. on June 9 with the arrest of six known sexual predators.

Felix Tomlin, 37, of 8729 Doveland Dr., Apartment U in Pahokee, was charged with violation of probation and possession of marijuana. His qualifying offense was listed as a lewd, lascivious act on a child under 16.

Earl Coney, 41, of 284 NW 11th Ave. Apartment 2 in South Bay was charged with violation of the Sexual Offender Statute D/L. His qualifying offense was listed as a lewd, lascivious act against a child under 16 and adult sex with a 16-17 year old.

Christopher Carden, 39, of 1119 Stillwell Rd. in Belle Glade was charged with violation of probation and possession of marijuana. His qualifying offense was listed as sexual battery by an adult with a victim under 12.

Bobby Littles, 26, of 140 Gustard Ct. in Pahokee was charged with violation of sexual offender statute D/L. His qualifying offense was listed as sexual battery with physical force.

Seth Williams, 26, of 3110 Landree Place in Orlando was charged with violation of sexual offender D/L. His qualifying offense was listed as sexual battery with carnal interactions with a child under 18.

Domenico Localzo, 34, of 1568 E. Main St. in Pahokee was charged with violation of probation for possession of pornographic materials.



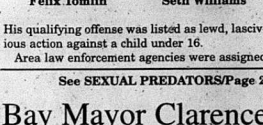
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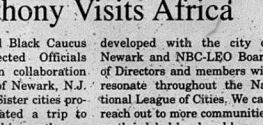
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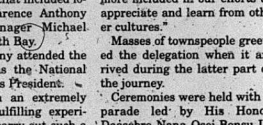
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Felix Tomlin



Seth Williams

His qualifying offense was listed as lewd, lascivious action against a child under 16. Area law enforcement agencies were assigned.

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South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony Visits Africa



CHIEF ANTHONY... South Bay Mayor and President of the National League of Cities Clarence Anthony (shown in center) was "enstooled" as an honorary African chief during his visit to the nation of Ghana, Africa last month. City Manager Michael Jackson also attended the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials conference.

The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), in collaboration with the city of Newark, N.J. and Newark's Sister cities program, coordinated a trip to Ghana earlier this month.

It was a trip that included local Mayor Clarence Anthony and City Manager Michael Jackson of South Bay.

Mayor Anthony attended the collaboration as the National League of Cities President.

"It has been an extremely positive and fulfilling experience for us to carry out such a productive conference and meet with Ghana's many leaders," said Mr. Anthony. "I hope that the example that we have

developed with the city of Newark and NBC-LEO Board of Directors and members will resonate throughout the National League of Cities. We can reach out to more communities on the global level and become more included in our efforts to appreciate and learn from other cultures."

Masses of townspeople greeted the delegation when it arrived during the latter part of the journey.

Ceremonies were held with a parade led by His Honor Daisheba Nana Osei Bonsu II, Mamponghehene, Occupant of the Silver Stool along with various paramount chiefs and members of royal families.



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Gospel Showcase

Palm Beach Community College Central Campus Black Student Union is sponsoring a Gospel Showcase on Saturday, June 19, at 2 p.m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church, in Belle Glade, 1101 S.W. Avenue A.

Zetas to celebrate 20 years in the Glades

The members of Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate their 20th Anniversary of service in the Glades area with a reception at the Dolly

Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, June 26 at 7 p.m. All Greeks and community organizations are invited to come out and celebrate this milestone with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 from any chapter member.

Live animals

The Belle Glade Branch Library will feature Rain Forest Rescue, a program for children ages 3 to 5 on Thursday, June 24 at 2 p.m.

The youngsters will learn about ways to save the vanishing rain forests and see live animals.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453.

Support Group for Alzheimers

The Alzheimer's Community Care Association (ACCA)

offers support groups to help those dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

In Pahokee, the group meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Day Center, 230 Barfield Hwy., Pahokee. For more information call Sandy Choate at 924-7283.

Volunteers sought for Red Cross

The Glades area service center of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross are in search of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to be trained in water safety, CPR or First Aid Instruction. Volunteers are also needed for other tasks at the Red Cross office in Belle Glade.

To volunteer call 992-9703 or (941) 675-8000.

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the task of locating 457 offenders or predators.

Of that number, 241 subjects were personally contacted by law enforcement personnel around the county.

During the sweep, 108 were found not at home during the hours of the sweep, 58 of the cases found the subject was no longer living at that address, 23 arrests were made for criminal violations, 17 arrests were made for violation of probation and 21 additional cases will be filed with the State Attorney's Office.

Residents can log onto the web site at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Sexual/Predators> to obtain a list of sexual predators in the area.

Under Florida law, sexual offenders must list their residency with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

OBITUARY

Helen Lily Voerge

Helen Lily Voerge, 94, died Sunday, June 13 at her residence in Lake Harbor.

Ms. Voerge was born in Augusta, Georgia, but had lived in the Glades for many years. Ms. Voerge made news across the country in the late 1980's after she fought off an alligator attack while swimming in the lake with her dogs. She was bitten on her arm and it took over 70 stitches to close the wound, but the feisty Ms. Voerge told reporters she planned to continue her daily swims.

Ms. Voerge is survived by a niece, Mary Helen Snyder of Columbia, South Carolina.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 17 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Belle Glade. Rev. Ralph Banks will officiate.

Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade is in charge of arrangements.

Kids enjoy Stand for Children Day at Pioneer Park



CUTTING A WATERMELON...Sgt. Curtis Stambaugh with the Belle Glade Police Department gets ready to cut a watermelon at the Stand for Children Day on Saturday, June 5 at Pioneer Park. Photo courtesy of Donald Hamilton

Stand for Children Day was bigger and better than ever

Stand for Children Day, which takes place every year in local communities on or around June 1, is a time to raise awareness about issues affecting children and to build support to address these issues in the community.

This year was the fourth year that the Glades has celebrated this activity by planning various events to showcase the talents of the young people. The theme for this year was "Ready to Learn, Ready to Succeed."

Events began with a concert

focusing on the community choir - with representatives from six churches and community groups.

There was also entertainment by local dancers and drill teams at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Wednesday, June 2.

This was only the beginning. On Saturday, June 5, the community continued the celebrations with activities at Pioneer Park.

All activities, food, drinks and prizes for the children

were free and everything was donated through the generosity of the community and local businesses.

The Mount Calvary Community Development Corporation and the Stand For Children Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave of their time, energy and money to make these events possible.

We look forward to working with you again next year to make Stand for Children Week bigger and better.

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(about 50%) of each workday prior to automation. Last year, letter carriers collectively walked 500 million miles delivering the mail.

In addition, due to the growth of buying on-line, catalog shopping and mass-mailing solicitations, letter carriers' loads have become significantly heavier. The resulting increase in packages, catalogs, direct mail, and business-to-business correspondence has meant:

- The U.S. Postal Service now delivers 41% of the entire

world's mail (Japan is second, with only 6%);

- The Postal Service delivers up to 650 million pieces of mail every working day;

- The Postal Service estimates that mail volume will surpass 200 billion pieces in 1999 - more than double the volume of less than 20 years ago.

- The average U.S. letter carrier now logs 41.5 tons of mail per year.

Since the start of the modernization program, on-the-job injuries among letter carriers have increased approximately

44%, and carriers have an arthritis rate that is among the highest of all U.S. workers.

The 110-year-old NALC represents 244,000 "city delivery carriers" (i.e., non-rural carriers) plus another 92,500 retired members.

NALC has been recognized since 1961 by the federal government as the exclusive bargaining agent for city letter carriers.

Though by law joining NALC is not mandatory as a condition of employment, fully 92% of carriers belong to the union voluntarily.

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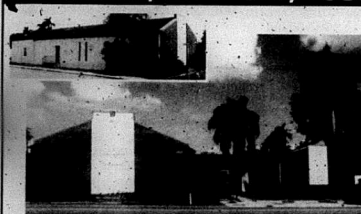
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By Mike Lyons

The numbers are staggering: 53 storms, 32 hurricanes and 15 major hurricanes. The Atlantic Basin (comprised of the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico) has been teeming with tropical cyclone activity over the past four years.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) reports the period from 1995 to 1998 was the most active consecutive years of hurricane activity in recorded history. And if Dr. William Gray is correct (and he usually is) then this season promises to be bustling with storms, too.

Dr. Gray, the Colorado State University scientist who predicts seasonal hurricane activity, thinks 14 storms may form this summer, with nine maturing into hurricanes and four exploding into major storms. The season is off to a busy start, with Arlene prowling the central Atlantic.

Dr. Gray attributes this dramatic increase in tropical cyclone activity to something called the Atlantic Ocean thermohaline circulation system, or simply the Atlantic conveyor belt.

The conveyor belt, according to Gray, moves waters north from the vicinity of the Caribbean Sea to an area east of Greenland. There, the current sinks to deep levels, moves south and flows into the south Atlantic Ocean and beyond.

Warm water and high salinity in the conveyor belt



Mike Lyons

strengthen it, producing more active hurricane seasons and more major landfalling storms along the eastern seaboard, according to Gray.

"This ocean circulation, a northbound current that sinks and then moves southbound, tends to go through decade-long changes," Gray said. "Our interpretation of climate data suggests that the Atlantic conveyor belt became stronger between 1994 and 1995, and this had led to more major storms since that time."

Yet, perhaps there is a simpler explanation for the increase in tropical cyclone activity. One theory suggests that global warming is to blame.

After all, our planet seems to be getting warmer. The National Weather Service reports that the 1990's has been the hottest decade in recorded history, with 1996 the warmest year ever recorded.

The Earth's temperature has

been increasing, according to global warming experts, because of an increase of atmospheric "greenhouse" gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane. These gases trap heat, and if emissions continue at the present rate, some scientists estimate the average global temperature will rise two to six degrees over the next century.

Warmer air means a warmer ocean which, according to the theory, has led to an increase in the number and intensity of tropical cyclones over the past four years. And if the air continues to heat up, larger and more intense hurricanes may be in the future.

Yet, it's not that simple. The Earth's atmosphere is complex, intricate and still not completely understood.

For example, when the last 10 years of hurricane activity is examined, the "warmest decade in history," according to some experts, five of the years had below-average tropical cyclone activity and five had above-average activity. The 1987 hurricane season was particularly quiet, with only seven storms and just three hurricanes.

Most experts believe we may have entered a period of increased hurricane activity. Just why that increase is coming now, is a topic of scientific debate. Only history will tell who's correct.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WFTS-TV

ER Chronicles: The curtain covering Rachel's room



Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

"OK. That's it. There's nothing else we can do. I'm calling this one at 10:51." Emergency physician Tammy Cortez made the final pronouncement of death. She had known when this young, broken body arrived in the ambulance that the odds were stacked against survival. When full cardio-respiratory arrest follows severe trauma, the survival rate is very low.

Nonetheless, the ER team had done everything they could, and now, with tubes seemingly protruding from everywhere on the girl's body, the team backed away. From the flurry of action the past 25 minutes, there was now a calm hush in the room.

"What a shame. She was a beautiful girl." A trauma nurse shook her head. "She can't be more than 16."

"The ID from her purse says her name's Rachel, and she was 16."

One by one, the team members filed out of the room. An ER tech remained, cleaning up caps, supply bags, and some of the blood on the floor. The tubes and machines were left

untouched, to be reviewed later by the Medical Examiner.

"Hey! Can I get somebody in here to take care of me?"

From the next room, a woman with slurred speech and the strong odor of alcohol called out.

"Come on! I'm hurting in here, too! Doesn't anybody care? She was getting quite annoyed.

"Hi, Ma'am, I'm Dr. Cortez." Cortez reached out her hand, but raised her eyebrows and took a step back when the woman's first words spread the alcohol fumes across the room.

"Hi. I'm Sadie. I don't know what happened out there; that other car just came out of nowhere, and I didn't see it coming, and then, all at once, poof!"

Cortez launched into a series of questions as she probed and listened to every part of Sadie's body.

"Sadie, even though you don't seem to have any bad injuries, I'm gonna check some things in your blood, and we'll leave that hard collar around your neck until we get some X-rays...just to be sure."

Cortez kept reminding herself to do the right thing. Ignore for now, she reasoned,

the fact that this woman was presumably responsible for the young girl's death in the next room. Everyone in the ER deserves the professional evaluation and care that the ER doctor can provide.

Cortez walked past the police officers outside the trauma rooms.

"This woman looks OK so far. We're gonna check a few things..."

As she talked, a woman's scream reached her from down the hall. Cortez felt a cold chill; she knew that the desperation in these cries could only be those of a mother fearing for her child.

"Where is she? Where's Rachel?" The trembling voice was closer now.

Cortez stepped toward the hallway. This was a scene she had experienced many times before: a frantic parent, eyes wide open and darting side to side, a voice full of fear but not without hope.

Cortez really hated this part of her job. She stepped in front of the woman.

"Hello. I'm Dr. Cortez." The woman looked past Cortez and toward the closed curtains.

"Where's my Rachel? I heard she was here; I saw her car upside down in that ditch.

Where is she?"

"Come." Cortez and a nurse led the woman to a small room in the hallway. She took a deep breath, took the woman's hand, and looked square into her eyes.

"I'm afraid it is not good news, ma'am."

Rachel's mother shuddered and took some short, stabbing breaths.

"The police say Rachel's car rolled several times after being hit by another car. Although the paramedics got to her quickly, and we tried everything we could here, her injuries were just too severe, and we were not able to save her." Cortez choked on this last sentence. "She died just a few minutes ago."

"NO!" the terrified mother rocked forward. "No! It can't be!" She broke into tears. "How could this happen?" The nurse, with one arm around Rachel's mother, felt a tear drop from her own cheek. She was thinking about her own 16-year-old daughter.

Cortez responded as calmly as she could. "I don't know just how it happened. The police are here; they're still investigating. We're so sorry, ma'am."

"Can I see her?" The voice was now quiet, almost a whisper.

"Sure. Is there anybody you'd like us to call for you?" Taking down a phone number as they walked toward the trauma room, the nurse began explaining to Rachel's mother about all of the wires, tubes, and machines that she was about to see.

She didn't hear much of what the nurse said, and it probably didn't matter. There was really no way to prepare a mother for the sight that awaited her in this room. She didn't notice the officers standing near the next room and didn't hear the drunken calls and cursing from the woman in that room.

Nothing can prepare a mother for what was happening to her this hour.

They pulled back the curtain covering Rachel's room.

Motor vehicle crashes kill more than 40,000 people in this country each year, more than 25 times the number who die in airplane accidents. This

number of deaths is greater than the combined total of the other 20 leading causes of death due to unintentional injury.

Crashes involving alcohol killed 16,189 people in 1997, an average of one death every 32 minutes. Each week averaged 315 deaths. In addition, alcohol-related crashes injured more than a million people in this country last year, and 30,000 people suffer permanent, work-related disability each year from such injuries.

Th direct economic costs of alcohol-related crashes are estimated to be \$45 billion each year, and the indirect costs, such as lost time from work, far exceed this figure.

More than half of all Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. DR. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Teenagers often put themselves at risk while dieting



Katrina Elsen, Contributing Editor

Children inherit a lot from their parents. Some things, like trust funds, may be welcome. Some things, like eye color, may be interesting. But inheriting your parents' eating habits can be downright dangerous if Mom is a frequent dieter.

"Like Mother, Like Daughter: Breaking Free from the Diet Trap," by Debra Waterhouse, explores the nutritional and health problems caused when teenage girls go overboard trying to be model thin. Many times, according to the author, girls learn this behavior by watching their mothers.

Since the 1960s, the number of dieting adult women has increased 300 percent, while the number of dieting girls has risen more than four times that rate, the book states.

Children learn their eating habits from their parents. This should give parents an added incentive to take good care of their own bodies by eating a balanced, healthy diet and getting plenty of regular exercise.

Eating right includes drinking right. When it comes to healthy beverages, water should top the list. Women need eight glasses of water per day, in addition to other beverages.

Fruit juices can boost your vitamin C, but juice should be limited to one glass per day.

Mayo physicians repair dangerous aortic aneurysms without major surgery

Patients with, potentially, deadly abdominal aortic aneurysms can be spared major surgery, thanks to a delicate operation that shores up the weakened blood vessel from within.

Called endovascular grafting, the still-experimental procedure makes it possible for patients with large aneurysms at risk of rupture to undergo a repair without the physical trauma, extensive hospitalization and lengthy recovery associated with abdominal surgery.

A 77-year-old man was the first patient at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida to receive a custom-made endovascular graft. He was discharged with minimal restric-

While fruit itself is very nutritious, the juice concentrates the natural fruit sugar. Studies have shown that children who drink more than one glass of fruit juice per day are more likely to become obese than those who have those glasses. Milk is also a healthy choice. Low-fat or non-fat milk is relatively low in calories (about 80 a glass) and high in calcium. Milk also contains protein.

It is ironic that healthy foods like milk and eggs have gotten an undesired bad name among dieters while diet sodas thrive.

According to "Low Fat Living," by the editors of Nutrition Magazine, diet sodas can actually contribute to weight gain because they stimulate your appetite. Instead of satisfying a craving for sweets, diet sodas tend to make you hungrier. In addition, the caffeine in the "cola" sodas can cause your body to dehydrate.

According to a press release from the American Dietetic Council:

"75 percent of mothers 'feel' too fat and 81 percent of their teenage daughters suffer from this same feeling of weight preoccupation."

A mother who diets 10 times a year is likely to raise a daughter who diets more than 10 times a year.

Daughters of dieters start dieting younger, diet more and have poorer body images. By age 13, 80 percent of adolescent girls are dieting to fight natural changes in their maturing bodies.

Mothers can negatively

influence daughters' eating habits by dieting, exhibiting poor body image and perpetuating negative attitudes about food.

Mothers who don't include milk in their diet are likely to influence daughters who don't drink milk. That means both mothers and daughters may be coming up short on calcium.

Extreme dieting and excessive exercise can lead to amenorrhea—the loss of menstrual cycle—which can result in osteoporosis.

This syndrome is known as "female athlete triad." This syndrome affects a broad range of women, not just athletes.

Dieting daughters who get inadequate calcium, calories and protein have weaker bones and may be shorter than normal.

Mothers and daughters should all take care when it comes to diet drugs.

A few years ago, controversy erupted over prescription diet drugs when serious side effects left women hospitalized. These drugs are developed for the dangerously obese, but too often diet clinics prescribe them for women who may be only a few pounds overweight, or not even overweight at all.

The other day I saw an ad for a new diet drug. The ad showed three photos. To me, they all looked like successful "after" dieting photos.

The woman's face was not serious, just the body, so at first I didn't realize they were all photos of the same person. When I read the ad, I was quite surprised. It said the first

photo was the "before" dieting photo. The woman weighed 135 pounds. She didn't look fat to me and I doubt if she would have registered as more than a few pounds overweight on the Body Mass Index (BMI) charts.

The ad didn't list her height, so I couldn't really determine her BMI. I have a problem with this whole scenario because the ad seems to be promoting diet drugs for those who are just trying to lose a few pounds for cosmetic reasons.

In the second photo, she looked quite fit. After dieting and taking the drug for six weeks, she weighed 125 pounds, the ad stated. I would think that should have been the end of the story. But it wasn't.

The final photo, the one the advertisers were promoting as "success," showed the woman at 112 pounds. To me, she looked gaunt, not healthy.

Now this particular woman may well have been quite healthy and strong at 112 pounds. But I really wonder at the message such ads give to impressionable young people who are trying so hard to fit in.

Check with your doctor, before you - or your children - make any changes in diet or exercise routine.

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Guest Editorial

The following speech was given by Clewiston resident Artis Hammock in Winter Haven, Florida June 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the USDA/USITR Listening Session regarding the WTO (World Trade Organization) agenda. I am Artis Hammock, a sugarcane grower from Clewiston, Florida and a five year member of the Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee (ATAC) for sweeteners. I am here today with my husband, Alap, and my daughter, Sarah. Our family has been growing sugarcane in South Florida for more than 60 years.

Sugar farmers have long endorsed the goal of global free trade because U.S. sugar producers are very efficient by world standards and we would welcome the opportunity to compete on a genuine level playing field. Until the free trade goal (which must be a fair trade goal) is achieved, the U.S. must retain at least the minimal sugar policy now in place to prevent foreign subsidized, dump market sugar from unfairly displacing efficient American producers, such as my family and fellow growers.

The U.S. farm economy is in its worst shape in decades. In the three years since the 1996 Freedom to Farm Bill was adopted, commodity farmers and their banks are going bankrupt right and left. This has devastated many rural farm communities. Sugar farmers are sharing this misery. It is bad enough that sugar prices to us farmers had been flat or declining for the past 15 years, but the price we receive for our sugar has dropped 10% under the Freedom to Farm Bill.

Although the U.S. Congress



Alan, Sarah and Artis Hammock at the USDA/USITR Listening Session in Winter Haven June 4.

passed emergency relief legislation for farmers the past two years. None of those funds have gone to sugar farmers.

In delivering this message today, I am speaking with two voices. The first voice is with knowledge and foresight as an ATAC member, dealing with this serious trade issue.

I encourage our government to negotiate very carefully and rationally when considering additional trade agreements. The 1999 World Trade Organization Ministerial will play a pivotal role in establishing the scope, parameters and goal of the next multinational trade round. As an ATAC member, I make the following suggestions as the U.S. government enters into the upcoming WTO trade negotiations:

1. All countries must comply with past agreements before the United States forges any new agreements. In addition, the U.S. should be given credit for complying before being required to make further cuts in the next round.

2. The U.S. must not reduce its support for agricultural programs any further — particularly for import-sensitive crops such as sugar — until other countries have reduced their support to the U.S. level.

3. The U.S. government

should take into account labor and environmental standards. There is a huge gap in labor and environmental standards between developed and developing countries and nearly 3/4 of the world's sugar is produced in developing countries.

4. A flexible, request/offer type of negotiating strategy must be followed in the next trade round, rather than a rigid across-the-board formula approach. That is the only manner in which we can address the huge imbalance in supports among nations and turn the U.S. unilateral concession to our advantage.

That being said, now my voice is from the heart as a farmer, farmer's wife and Mama, trying to save our home, our jobs and our families.

Daniel Webster said it best: "Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is a most important labor of man. Unstable is the future of the country which has lost its taste for agriculture."

Today I brought with me the most important issue you need to deal with during negotiations, my daughter, Sarah. As you can see she is proudly wearing her FFA jacket. That

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"I WANT TO EXCHANGE THIS C#*! BIRD...
ALL HE DOES IS SWEAR."

Letters to the Editor

Hat's off to Rep. Mark Foley

Dear Editor:

I attended the graduation ceremony for Northwood University at the Kravis Center held two weeks ago. Our representative, Mark Foley, 16th District, addressed the graduating class and gave an inspirational commencement speech. He talked about his experience in the early '90s in his decision to run for office. He lost the first year, but decided to give it another try. He began telling the audience of about 800-1,000 people how he needed to meet with people to get their support. He had heard about a small town called Belle Glade. He said he had heard stories about the town, but he wanted to meet the people of this small town for himself.

He went on to say that he had to admit that after his experience in meeting the people of the Glades, he had met some of the greatest people he had ever met and he said "I love the farmers and I love sugar!" That year, he won his election.

I was proud to be in the audience, knowing that our representative supports us and our farmers and most of all, that he acknowledged his supporters publicly.

He joined the graduating class and received his Doctor of Laws Degree. Congratulations Rep. Mark Foley!

Elizabeth Hernandez
Belle Glade Resident

Caretakes of Alzheimers victims beware

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written to alert all individuals who are responsible for the care and support of Alzheimer's victims that the State of Florida, through its Agency for Health Care Administration, will undoubtedly evict most, if not all, of the Alzheimer's residents in Assisted Living Facilities because they cannot "evacuate in an emergency situation due to there (sic) diagnosis of dementia."

This quoted rationale is taken verbatim from a report by the A.H.C. Administration which recently conducted an inspection of an Assisted Living Facility (Young at Heart at Port Charlotte) that resulted in a 30-day notice of eviction of my mother-in-law (who has Alzheimer's and had resided at the facility for more than a year-and-a-half). A total of six residents who were confined (allegedly) to wheelchairs and could not propel themselves from the facility in an emergency were evicted as a result of this single inspection. Of course, my mother-in-law is ambulatory (she usually does walk with assistance, but not of necessity), but that had nothing to do with the decision to evict her (or so I am told). All family members (including my daughter, who is a doctor) were quite satisfied with the care my mother-in-law had been receiving, but the A.H.C. Administration did not consult with any family member or her local doctor or any responsible party. No opportunity to reclarify, sign-waivers, discuss, appeal, attempt accommodation, or seek alternatives was offered. The A.H.C. Administration representative informed me that there was no requirement/responsibility/obligation to contact family or anyone (other than the facility director) regarding this decision.

I believe the actions of the A.H.C. Administration are violations of civil rights, and the eviction of a person simply because he or she has Alzheimer's is a violation of Federal Statutes relating to Fair Housing. I am challenging the arbitrary decision of this Agency, and I am asking anyone who has had a similar experience to share it with me.

I am assuming that the A.H.C. Administration enforces its rules and regulations uniformly throughout the state. If that is the case, then I must point out that an Alzheimer's victim might qualify to enter an assisted living facility, but, due to the known progressive nature of the disease, the Alzheimer's resident can easily and readily be evicted if there is a change in physical or mental conditions (which will happen sooner or later). Good luck to the caretakers and Alzheimer's victims in Florida!

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Father's Day celebrates
dads and their health

While it is quite common to hear about a variety of health issues, sometimes males get overlooked in the quest for healthy living. National Men's Health Week is June 14-20, in conjunction with Father's Day, and a good time to think about ways to incorporate exercise and healthy living into dad's daily routines.

"Father's Day gives us an opportunity to focus on a broad range of men's health issues from heart disease to cancer," said Melvyn Fletcher, M.D., vice-president of care and network management for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's South Geographic Business Unit. "We

want to provide men and their families with information to help everyone understand these problems and what can be done to try to prevent them."

Here are some tips to help dad and the rest of the family stay healthier:

- Limit meat intake to two or three portions of meat, poultry and fish per day (five to seven ounces total). One serving is about the size of a deck of cards. And choose leaner cuts, such as those with "round" or "loin" in the name.
- Mix up activities, and try to get in 30 minutes of exercise most days.

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A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT... The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual golf tournament this past weekend at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. Shown, from left are players Kelly Teets, Gene Bair and Matt Weeks.

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blue Future Farmers of America jacket is a symbol of all that we as farmers hold dear. It symbolizes the next generation of American farmers. It symbolizes the continuation of our strongly held family values and farming traditions. Most of all, it symbolizes the faith of our youth in tomorrow and that there is a future in farming.

This is what our negotiators need to remember. That what they are doing is not just some intellectual exercise involving the trade policies of various countries. It's not a game and they should not use farmers as pawns in negotiations. They are dealing with real people's lives. They are dealing with our future and, more impor-

tantly, the future of our children. Please don't disregard Sarah's future. Don't give away her birthright to some Frenchman whose government heavily subsidizes his sugar beet farm and wants to dump his sugar into our market place.

Ambassador Barshefsky said through these listening sessions "USTR and USDA negotiators will continuously review the recommendations from these sessions in developing our negotiating objectives for the next round of agricultural negotiations." To ensure you remember, Sarah will give you a booklet for the negotiating table. I don't think USDA has published this manual. It's entitled "Life's Instruction Book to Save the American Sugar Farmer."

In it you will find the four positions sugar farmers urge you to use in negotiations as well as reminders of the reasons you shouldn't sell out American sugar farmers to foreign bankrolled farmers.

We expect the American government to stand up for American farmers like me, and for future farmers like Sarah, her brother, Robert, and all the other Future Farmers in America. We realize, however, life isn't a bowl of cherries -- it's a bunch of raisins; raisin cane, raisin kids, raisin cash. We can't raise cash from raisin cane to raise kids if you don't protect us from unfair trade practices. We believe you can cultivate a trade agreement to reap a large harvest of future farmers in America -- just read your instruction

Grand Opening of MCM Paints and Flooring held on Saturday



WELCOME TO BELLE GLADE... MCM Paint & Flooring held their grand opening on Saturday, June 12 at 145 North Main Street. They gave away free hot dogs and Pepsi and there were also door prizes. Shown enjoying the day were Lindsey and Justin Martin (seated) and standing, from left are Lisa Martin, Pharmacist Pete Baur, with Main Street Pharmacy and Larry Lowman, MCM Paint Factory Representative.

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utes of brisk aerobic activity every day. Exercise with a spouse or friend to incorporate camaraderie and social interaction.

- Resist fried foods whenever possible. Try roasting, baking, broiling, grilling or stir-frying.
- Stop smoking or don't start. As soon as you stop smoking, your lungs begin to repair themselves.

After 10 years, your risk of lung cancer drops to 30-50 percent of that of smokers who didn't quit, and after 15 to 20 years, the risk becomes similar to someone who never smoked.

- Drink plenty of water. Experts suggest six eight-ounce glasses daily. Try substituting water for other beverages during meals.

- Drink responsibly. Men who consume between two and six drinks per week have nearly half the risk of exposure to alcohol-related

ed factors that may lead to death as men who consume two or more drinks per day.

- Gradually change your routine. Drink low-fat milks, cut back on high-fat bread toppings, oils and salad dressings. Try mushrooms instead of pepperoni on pizza.

• Set realistic goals. While outlandish targets might seem more macho, losing just one pound per week is a good goal, and cutting out approximately 500 calories per day will accomplish it. Losing five to 10 percent of your body weight can improve health and reduce the risk of many health problems, including heart disease, some cancers and diabetes.

For more information on ways to help lead a healthier lifestyle, there is a toll-free phone line (1-800-955-2002), which individuals can call to receive a free men's health booklet developed in cooperation with the American

CRIME STOPPERS



Jerry Jackson

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Jerry Jackson who is wanted for aggravated assault with a firearm and battery.

Jackson is a black male, 5'7" tall, and weighs 230 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and he has a tattoo on his upper right arm. His date of birth is November 5, 1972. His last address was 1080 Rardin

Avenue, Pahokee. His Social Security number is 262-67-3205 and his last occupation was in clean up.

His warrant was active as of June 8, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Jackson, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 642 complaints, worked 2 crime scenes and gave 25 traffic citations the week of June 7-13.

Those arrested included:

June 7 - Corey Federick, 21, failure to appear.

June 8 - John Frazier, 31, grand theft and battery on a law enforcement officer; Fredeska McGriff, 20, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; Juvenile, 12, battery on a law enforcement officer.

June 9 - Maurice Pittman, 28, domestic battery; Juvenile, 15, two counts of failure to appear; Gene Hampton, 49, possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 10 - Ben Fields, 45, aggravated stalking; Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and two court orders to take into custody; Cedric Milner, 23, criminal mischief; Ronnie Mincey, 19, battery on a law enforcement officer; Bernard Hammond, 19, failure to appear; Juvenile, 16, retail theft.

June 11 - David Bush, 31, armed robbery, petty theft, resisting arrest without violence and two counts of battery on law enforcement officers; Juvenile, 16, retail theft; Louisiana Jones, 37, gambling with cards; Sonyett Barbes, 34, gambling with cards; James Howard, 20, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

June 12 - Juvenile, 17, aggravated domestic battery; Marco Juarez, 41, aggravated stalking; Randolph Miller, 47, burglary of a conveyance and petty theft; Willie Lewis, 37, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; J.D. Rolland, 53, possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 13 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 8 arrests the week of June 7-13.

Those arrested included:

June 7 - No arrests made.

June 8 - No arrests made.

June 9 - Juvenile, 14, felony battery; James Sneed, 20, warrant for failure to appear in court; Dominic Localzo, 35, violation of probation; Charles B. Wiseman, 22, littering.

June 10 - No arrests made.

June 11 - Evelyn Holmes, 34, battery; Mary Gathers, 50, battery; Tavoris Baker, 19, domestic battery; Robert Vincent, 55, domestic violence.

June 12 - No arrests made.

June 13 - No arrests made.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 10 arrests the week of June 6-12.

June 6 - Marvin McGrew, 26, domestic battery; Carlene Brown, 38, aggravated assault; Jeffrey Browning, 35, aggravated assault.

June 7 - No arrests made.

June 8 - No arrests made.

June 9 - Gary Bethea, 39, warrant for civil order of contempt.

June 10 - Clifford Albriton, 22, warrant for failure to appear.

June 11 - No arrests made.

June 12 - Cornelius Clark Jr., 18, burglary; Juvenile, burglary of a residence; Juvenile, burglary of a residence; Luzan Hibbert, 36, domestic battery.



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Volunteers Brighten Lives...Luthern Services of Florida Peppi Head start held their 2nd annual Volunteer Recognition Program last week to thank all of the special residents who help with the headstart program during the year.

Local agriculture experts appointed to the trade advisory committee

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky appointed 146 agricultural experts to six advisory committees: the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC) and five Agricultural Technical Advisory committees for Trade (ATACs).

"The knowledge and experience of these appointees will serve American agriculture well. This is an important time for agricultural trade policy as we approach the Seattle Round of WTO negotiations, which will begin in November. Even though much was accomplished in the Uruguay Round, agriculture still has a long way to go to complete its reform and be fully integrated into the world trading system. We are in the process of formulating our goals for the next Round, and the Advisory Committees will be an invaluable resource in com-

pleting this work. Their role is crucial to ensure we have input from all sectors of U.S. agriculture," said Mr. Glickman.

"The expertise provided by the advisory committee is critical as we prepare for the next round of global trade negotiations," said U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky.

"Together with our ongoing listening sessions around the country, the work of the advisory committees will help ensure that we have defined the right issues and priorities in upcoming negotiations."

The committees were established in 1974 when Congress established a private sector advisory committee system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests.

The committees provide the Secretary and the Trade Representative infor-

mation and advice on negotiating objectives, bargaining positions and other matters related to the development, implementation and administration of U.S. agricultural trade policy.

The APAC provides advice on overall trade policy objectives regarding agricultural issues.

The ATACs offer more detailed technical advice and information on specific commodities. The five technical advisory committees are: ATAC for Trade in Animals and Animal Products, ATAC for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables, ATAC for Trade in Grains, Feed and Oilseeds, ATAC for Trade in Sweeteners and ATAC for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton and Peanuts.

ATAC members must have commodity expertise and knowledge of the effects of trade barriers on the commodities they represent.

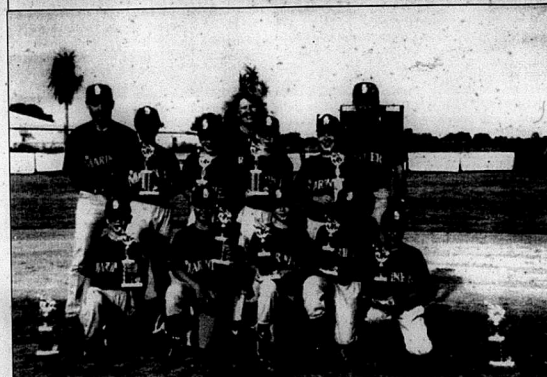
All members are recognized as leaders in their field. The committees meet about three times a year, but meetings may be called more often.

Locally, Jennifer Felzien, past president of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE), Carl Loop, Florida Farm Bureau and Michael Stuart of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Antonio Conteras, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Ardis Hammock of Frierson Farm and Nicholas Komunus of the U.S. Cane Sugar Refiners Association were appointed to the various committees.



1999 FARM LEAGUE ALL STARS



FIRST PLACE WINNERS...Edens Mariners were the first place winners in the 1999 Farm League. Shown left to right are: (front row) Javier Almazar Jr., Omar Palomino, Adrian Cavazos, Devon Edwards and Mohammed Barhoush. Second Row: Jacobi Carrigan, Troy Kornya, James Towell and Tito Garza. Coaches: Javier Almazan Sr., Julie Kornya and Jessie Garza. Not pictured: Alex Garcia and Joseph Samara.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS...O-Farms Cardinals were the second place winners in the 1999 Farm League. Players from left to right are: (front row) Marshal McMillian, Clayton McMillian, R.J. Hernandez, Chad Lutz, Drew Pate and Salvador Saenz. Second row: Bobby Gummere, Austin Boyd, Eddie Brown and Anthony Norton. Coaches are: Vic Gummere, Brian Boyd and Brian Gummere. Not pictured are: Tito Rodriguez.

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Dr. Webster is a board certified otolaryngologist specializing in the diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment of disorders of the ear, nose and throat, including hearing loss, sinusitis, allergy, sore throat, hoarseness, snoring, sleep apnea, thyroid disorders, and head and neck cancer. Dr. Webster also performs facial cosmetic and facial trauma surgery.

Dr. Webster received his educational training at the University of the Virgin Islands with his graduate work at Yale University Graduate School. He received his Doctorate of Medicine from the Yale University School of Medicine. He is a fellow member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery and is Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology.

"We are pleased to have an Otolaryngologist with his education and experience on the staff of Glades General and serving our community," stated Jim Sward, Interim CEO, proving once again that it is not necessary to leave the Glades to get excellent healthcare."

Pahokee Chamber Closed for Summer

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce offices have closed for the summer months.

The offices will reopen on August 16.

Everyone is invited to attend a Joint Mixer sponsored by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and Palms West Chamber of Commerce.

The Joint Mixer will be held at Bonnie's Restaurant which is located at 14555 Southern Blvd. in Loxahatchee. Come socialize with fellow chamber members for networking and fun. The mixer will be held from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

The Chamber is planning a welcome back brunch for teachers on August 12 as part of a special teacher appreciation.

Chamber members would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the Summer Fair held at the South Florida Fairgrounds on Memorial Day Weekend. A special thanks goes to Hugh and Barbara Branch who furnished much of the corn, truck and supplies.

NASCAR this week

On TV

All Times Eastern

- **Craftsman Trucks, Grainger 225**
9 p.m. • Saturday • ESPN
- **Winston Cup, Pocono 500**
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1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 2,169	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,264	Jack Sprague, 1,601
2. Jeff Burton, 2,109	Matt Kenseth, 2,200	Slacy Compton, 1,552
3. Bobby Labonte, 2,075	Jeff Green, 2,106	Ron Hornaday, 1,519
4. Mark Martin, 1,993	Elton Sawyer, 1,960	Andy Houston, 1,446
5. Tony Stewart, 1,838	Todd Bodine, 1,903	Dennis Setzer, 1,425
6. Jeff Gordon, 1,820	Jason Keller, 1,850	Greg Biffle, 1,398
7. Ward Burton, 1,738	Jeff Purvis, 1,845	Jay Sauter, 1,383
8. Dale Earnhardt, 1,723	Mike McLaughlin, 1,676	Mike Wallace, 1,350
9. Rusty Wallace, 1,719	Dave Blaney, 1,640	Kevin Harvick, 1,334
10. Terry Labonte, 1,643	Casidy Abbond, 1,640	Kevin Eyring, 1,327

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Josh Stewart. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (3) Dale Jarrett Simply unbeatable
2. (1) Bobby Labonte Still tough
3. (2) Jeff Burton Edged out his brother
4. (4) Mark Martin Consistent
5. (5) Jeff Gordon Hates second place
6. (6) Tony Stewart From 28th to top 10
7. (7) Rusty Wallace Hates oil on track
8. (8) Dale Earnhardt 1-0 vs. Jr.
9. (9) Terry Labonte Qualifying trouble
10. (10) Ward Burton Could be No. 7

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sanoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Dale Jarrett didn't feel like making the Kmart 400 a competitive event, so he and crew chief Todd Parrott came up with a car that nobody could touch.

Helping their domination was the fact that no caution flags flew at a NASCAR Winston Cup event for the first time in more than two years. When Jarrett took the lead after the first round of pit stops on lap 53, the race was literally over.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. didn't have time to sulk about finishing second to his father in Friday's first round of the International Race of Champions. Instead, he went to South Boston, Va., and won his second straight Busch Grand National Series event. Earnhardt Jr. passed Jeff Green with 70 laps to go in a race that featured 14 cautions for 59 laps.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Dennis Setzer held off Jay Sauter to win Friday's race in Fort Worth, Texas. It was his first win of the season and the second of his career. Setzer was pulling away before two late restarts tested his mettle.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Rusty Wallace vs. NASCAR

When Bill Elliott busted an oil line on lap 168, Wallace felt there should have been a caution. He said that NASCAR didn't throw a yellow flag so they could have a caution-free race and a race speed record to talk about.

NASCAR This Week's Josh Stewart gives his opinion: "While NASCAR has certainly been known to look out for its own interests, Wallace also has been known for his share of sour grapes in the past, and Sunday was probably no exception. Jarrett would have won no matter how many flags NASCAR threw."

AROUND THE GARAGE

Rumors surround Petty, IRL car

By Josh Stewart
NASCAR This Week

BROOKLYN, Mich. — What started out as an enjoyable experiment for Kyle Petty turned into a pain in the neck.

Petty was invited to run a few laps in the Panther Racing IRL car Tuesday in Atlanta by car owner Terry Lingler. Since Petty was going to be in Atlanta for testing with Petty Enterprises teammate John Andretti, he

agreed to go out in the car "for fun."

Unfortunately, the rumor mill started spinning to the point where there was talk of Petty actually fielding a car and running in the IRL Atlanta event.

Friday, Petty put the matter to rest.

"No. No question," Petty said when asked if he was going to race in the Atlanta event. "I've never discussed running an Indy race with anybody at Atlanta, or any

other races this season, for that matter. It's not that I don't think it wouldn't be kind of fun, but there just isn't any time for it. My focus right now is Petty Enterprises and the NASCAR schedule."

Ironically, the disrespected run around the track in Atlanta isn't even going to happen. Petty needed to have a seat fitted for him so he could get in the IRL car, but a scheduling conflict this past Wednesday prevented him from going to Indianapolis to

have the seat fitted.

LOCKED OUT

Even a race run as smoothly as the Kmart 400 had to be marred by something Sunday.

It turned out to be car keys. Somebody locked the keys to the pace car for the race inside the vehicle. They were forced to tow away the pace car and find an alternative at the last second so the race could begin.

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Pocono 500
Where: Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5-mile track), 200 laps/500 miles

When: Sunday, June 20
Defending champion: Jeremy Mayfield
Event qualifying record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet,

169.725 mph, June 14, 1996

Race record: Alan Kulwicki, Ford, 144.023 mph, June 14, 1992

Notable: Last year's victory was the first (and only thus far) of Mayfield's career. ... Darrell Waltrip and Bill Elliott have each won four times at Pocono. ... Ken Schrader is a five-time pole winner.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Coming up: Grainger 225

Where: Portland (Ore.) International Raceway (1.967-mile track)

When: Friday, June 18 (televised June 19)

Defending champion: First event
Track qualifying record: None

Race record: None

Notable: This is the Truck Series' first stop at a road course this season. ... The SuperTrucks will also hit the road the following week at Watkins Glen, N.Y. ... A road race will also be held at Heartland Park (Topeka, Kan.) on Aug. 28.

PROFILE

Jeff Gordon

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Jeff Gordon may yet become the second driver to capture three championships in a row, but he will have to make a comeback. No one who follows NASCAR is counting Gordon out, however. No one in the sport's history has done so much at so young an age. Since winning rookie-of-the-year honors in 1993, Gordon has won three championships (1995, '97, '98), two Daytona 500s (1997, '99) and two Brickyard 400s (1995, '98). He has also won the last four Southern 500s at Darlington.

AGE 27
HOMETOWN: Born in Vallejo, Calif., raised in Pittsboro, Ind., lives in Mooresville, N.C.

WIFE: Brooke

CHILDREN: None

CAR: No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Rick Hendrick

RECORD: 204 starts, 45 wins, 27 poles, 108 top-five finishes, 132 top-10s, nearly \$30 million in career earnings

FIRSTS: Start (Nov. 15, 1992, at Atlanta), pole (Oct. 6, 1993, at Charlotte), win (May 29, 1994, at Charlotte)

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION SO FAR THIS SEASON? "It's really close out here now, very competitive. It's good to see. It's exciting racing right now, a lot of different names going to victory lane. It's just good for the sport to see that. I think with the spoiler and air dam rules we have right now, it's contributing to good racing. I would say it's pretty good party, give and take. Some places the Pontiac is good, some places the Chevrolts are strong, and some places the Fords are strong. It's a good mixture everywhere we go."

HAS YOUR LUCK RUN OUT THIS YEAR? "I was thinking about how fortunate we were last year, when we won 13 races, but especially this year after some of the trouble we've had. We've won three big races, and we're happy about that. We've run well enough to win more races, but when you have trouble like we have, you count your blessings and you're pretty thankful for what you did with a year like we had last year. The plan is to just get momentum, get some things building and get it going and put out the effort like we did at Dover and see how the results turn out. That's what we go."

We've been doing all year long. The results haven't always been there. We just hope we can get some consistency with those results."

WHY HAVE YOU HAD PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CONSISTENCY THIS YEAR? "We've had a lot of success the past few years."

When you have that time of success, you want to live up to those expectations. There's a lot of pressure on you to live up to those expectations. We came out of the box at Daytona with an awesome win in the 500. I thought we were going to start off where we left off. That quickly turned around. We've been having crazy things. We had a blown motor, we've had our tires, we've had this power steering pump go out, things that rarely happened to us the past few years that are happening to us this year. That's just the way racing goes. When you have the type of year like we had last year, when it seemed like we couldn't do anything wrong, you know that those times are going to come back. They certainly have. The next thing about it is that the effort of the race team hasn't stopped. It's stronger than it's ever been. We're just waiting for things to come around our way a little more."



Jeff Gordon has won three championships in the last four years.

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Why are almost all the cars in the Busch Series Chevrolets, and on the Sunday NASCAR races, the split is about 50/50, which is much more interesting?

Richard Dirlam
Jackson, Mich.

General Motors participates more actively than Ford in Busch Grand National racing. Many of Ford's top teams involve Cup drivers who run limited BGN schedules, although Ed Berrier, Glenn Allen and Elton Sawyer are full-time BGN drivers who run Fords.



Dear NASCAR This Week,

What is with IROC races? I love them, but they don't televise the race, and I can't find any reference to it except for bits and pieces. If they play it, they must sneak it in somewhere without any listing.

Philip Halstead Sr.
Fruitland Park, Fla.

IROC races are televised via tape-delay. In the past, ABC had all the rights and paired the IROC races with live motor-sports programming, sometimes months later. However, this year IROC is spread across several networks, and at least two of the four events are scheduled for next-day coverage. What can we say? "Check local listings."

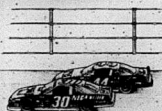
CREW OF THE WEEK

• The only way that Dale Jarrett could have lost Sunday's Kmart 400 would have been if his crew had made some grave error. But the team that set up an awesome car also was on in pit road, which guaranteed a victory. No penalties, no lug nuts left off or any of the other common pit mistakes. The crew was close to perfect, just like Jarrett was on the track.

Trackside Trivia

1. How many second-place finishes did Sterling Marlin have before he won his first Winston Cup race?
2. Name the Indiana car builder for whom Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Kenny Irwin all drove during their USAC days.

1. Nine; 2. Bob Last
ANSWERS



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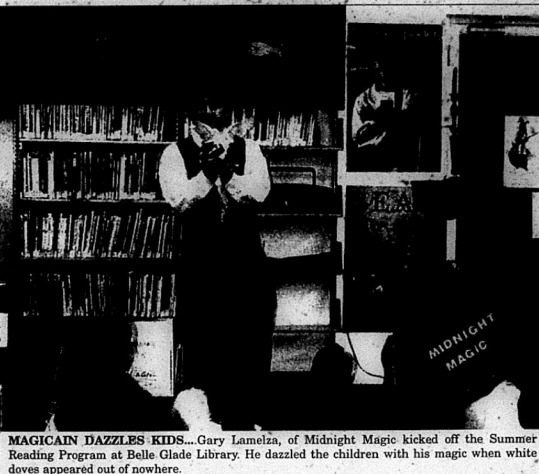
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MAGICAIN DAZZLES KIDS. Gary Lamela, of Midnight Magic kicked off the Summer Reading Program at Belle Glade Library. He dazzled the children with his magic when white doves appeared out of nowhere.

Anquan Boldin and Donnie Scruggs receive awards during the Dairy Farmers Florida High School Sports Awards

Florida's top high school athletes and coaches, including Anquan Boldin of Pahokee High School and Donnie Scruggs of Glades Day School, will be honored as part of the seventh annual Dairy Farmers Florida High School Sports Awards Program's "Breakfast for Champions" on Saturday, June 26 at Sea World Orlando.

The awards program is sponsored by Dairy Farmers, Inc., and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA).

Winners in 20 sports and five scholar athletes will be honored at the banquet featuring guest speaker Brad Culpepper,

defensive tackle for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Winners will be joined by family, friends and coaches at 11:30 a.m. at the Ports of Call Special Events Complex at Sea World.

The event will be televised with a one-hour special on Sunshine Network to more than 4.5 million cable homes statewide on July 6 at 8 p.m. with four additional broadcasts to be announced.

Along with honoring the state's top high school athletes, coaches and scholar-athletes, Dairy Farmers, Inc. will present the second annual "Cream of the crop," humanitarian awards and the Florida High School Special Olympics Athletes of the Year Awards.

After receiving nominations from coaches and media in each of the 20 FACA districts in the state, voters select the top players and coaches in each classification.

A final round of voting selects the individual player of the year and coach of the year in each sport.

"Following the tradition of our high school sports awards program, this year's class of honorees exemplifies what talent plus hard work and dedi-

cation can accomplish," said Michele Cooper, manager of Dairy Farmers, Inc. "Florida's milk producers are proud of these student athletes and their accomplishments and look forward to their continued success."

During the past seven years, the awards program has honored more than 2,000 coaches and athletes statewide.

Past winners include Alex Rodriguez, shortstop for the Seattle Mariners (baseball, 1993); Vince Carter, first-round draft pick and 1999 NBA Rookie of the Year (basketball, 1995); Steve Scott, who battled Tiger Woods to the final hole in the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship (golf, 1993); Duante Culpepper, first round draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings (football, 1995); Beth Bauer, who led Duke University to eight tournament titles including the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA Championships (golf, 1998); and Allison Wagner, silver medalist at the 1996 Summer Olympics (swimming, 1995).

This year Anquan Boldin was awarded "Mr. Football" and Donnie Scruggs was awarded the "Male Cream-of-the-Crop" Award.

Frank Finch named new director to the SFWMD

Pending discussions on the terms and conditions of employment, Frank Finch will be the new executive director of the South Florida Water Management District.

The District's Governing Board selected Finch as the director during its meeting in West Palm Beach.

The board vote was 5-4 in favor of the motion to select Mr. Finch as the District's new executive director. The following Governing Board members voted in favor of Finch were: Michael Collins, Jerry Fernandez, Patrick Gleason, Nicolas Gutierrez and Harkley Thornton. Board members Mitchell Berger, Vera Carter, Michael Minton and Trudi Williams then voted with the majority to make the selection unanimous.

When contacted by phone in his office in Virginia, Mr. Finch said "I am thrilled, humbled, excited and ready to get started. I am looking forward to meeting with the members of the Governing Board, District staff and the citizens of South Florida I will help serve."

Mr. Finch, of Lorton, Virginia, is vice president of government affairs for Harding Lawson Associated, an environmental engineering firm. He previously was district engineer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Baltimore and in Chicago. He served as Secretary to the assistant Executive of the Army and was director of the Army's environmental program at the Pentagon. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and masters degrees in civil engineering and management science from the University of California at Berkeley.



Gail Davis Phillip

Phillip graduates

Gail Davis Phillip, formerly of Belle Glade and now residing in Wellington, will participate in Nova Southeastern University of North Miami Beach graduation on Sunday, June 27.

The commencement exercises will take place at the National Car Rental Center in Sunrise, west of Ft. Lauderdale. Gail will receive her Specialist Degree in Education. She is the daughter of Drucilla and Jerry Davis of Belle Glade. Family and friends are invited to attend this event.



Cynthia Diane Wetherington and Carl James Carner

Wetherington-Carner to wed

Final wedding plans have been announced for Cynthia Diane Wetherington of Belle Glade and Cpl. Carl James Carner of Clewiston, now stationed at New River Air Station in Jacksonville, N.C.

Rev. Desmond Harriott will unite the couple in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, June 19 at 3:00pm in the afternoon at the

First Baptist Church Original Sanctuary in Belle Glade. A reception will immediately follow in the church social hall.

Local invitations are not being sent. Both families cordially invite all friends and relatives to attend and share with them during this time of celebration.

Thank You

To all of the friends of George and Annie Rose Collins, in the passing of my husband George, words cannot express the sincere thanks for all your loving support, food, cards, visits and finance. Thank you.



To the Pahokee Police Department, if I were an angel I would live upon your shoulder, you are precious to me. To the Taylor Smith West Funeral Parlor Thank you. George is resting and waiting until we all meet again.

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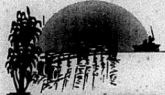
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